various agricultural implements and machines under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Macro-Management of Agriculture. This Scheme is available to all the States, including the States in the North-Eastern Region.

2. The Government has set up a Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institute at Biswanath Chariali in the Sonitpur District in Assam to cater to the needs of the entire North-Eastern Region. The main objectives of this Institute are; (i) testing and performance evaluation of agricultural equipment with a view to improvement in their quality, durability and performance and (ii) human resource development through various training programmes, both institutional and on-site, for effective and optimum utilization of agricultural machinery. The training imparted by the Institute may help the trained unemployed rural youth in getting employment, including self-employment.

No Taker for ITDC Hotels

2926. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposed sale of ITDC hotels has no takers;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that ITDC has prepared a report on making the disinvestments attractive; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) No such report has been received from the India Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. (ITDC). The Department of Tourism has made certain suggestions including the following:—

(i) Manpower rationalisation in the hotel units of ITDC through introduction of voluntary retirement scheme.

(ii) To undertake the sale of Hotel Kanishka and Hotel Indraprastha as separate units.